



## YUCCA NEWS

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### Glendale Fire Department Helps Kids Get Back To School with Supplies

Glendale Firefighters are kicking off our 2015 Back to School Supply Drive. All of this to benefit low income children attending school in Glendale. The goal is to fill 500 backpacks with the essentials needed for these kids to be successful. For more information, contact Cecil Tudor, President of Glendale Fire Charities, at [glendalefirecharities@yahoo.com](mailto:glendalefirecharities@yahoo.com) or call 928-300-0602.

#### Drop off locations:

Now until August 8<sup>th</sup>: any Glendale Fire Station  
 Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Target on 43rd and Peoria (10404 N 43rd Ave, Glendale, AZ) with our antique fire truck!

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

- Downtown Glendale Gets Jolly For Christmas In July Event.** On **Saturday, July 18**, celebrate the city's 9th annual Christmas in July celebration. Visitors will enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Old Towne and Catlin Court, a visit with Santa Claus, as well as an opportunity to donate to a summer water drive. Christmas cheer begins at the **Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, suite 140**, where you'll pick up a holiday gift bag with downtown discounts, an event map and a holiday themed gift item for the first 250 visitors. The event also features a **bottled water donation drive**. In partnership with the Glendale Fire Department and the city's Operation Safe Summer campaign, visitors are encouraged to bring a donation of bottled water to the event. Donations are also being accepted at all Glendale fire stations. Water will be distributed through Maricopa Association of Government's Heat Relief Network, to the most vulnerable populations in the region.
- Hello Kitty Festival Tickets Donated to Children's Summer Reading Program.** Tickets for the Hello Kitty Super Cute Friendship Festival at the Gila River Arena will be donated to Glendale libraries as a reward to participants in the summer reading program. Each of the three library branches will receive pairs of tickets to be raffled to participants who successfully complete the entire summer reading program. Ticket winners must be under 18 years of age and Glendale residents. For more information about Glendale's libraries and their array of programs, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

## ONGOING EVENTS

- **Westgate Wednesdays!** Come to the Westgate Entertainment District on Wednesday nights for free weekly summer fun! Enjoy music, games, prizes and dancing. Plus, meet your favorite film characters and get a free downloadable photo with them each week. Every week will offer a distinctive family-fun experience with different themes, unique games and new characters. **Wednesday nights through July 29 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Westgate's Fountain Park.**  
 July 15: Princess & Pirate Party with The Little Mermaid & Captain Jack  
 July 22: Super Hero Sensation with Spider Man  
 July 29: Frozen Fiesta with Anna and Elsa
- **Glendale Splash Pads.** Cool off and have fun for FREE at one of Glendale's two splash pads! The location and hours of the two splash pads are: **Heroes Park Splash Pad** - 83rd Ave. & Berridge Ln. (on 83rd Ave., just north of Bethany Home Rd.). \*\*\*May 23 - August 9: open daily from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; August 15 - September 7: open weekends only from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. **Sycamore Grove Park Splash Pad** - 86th Lane and Emil Rovey Parkway.  
 \*\*\*May 25 - September 7; open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **Free Summer Band Concerts Bring Music to Downtown Glendale Summer Evenings.** The West Valley's favorite summer tradition takes place **each Thursday at 8 p.m., beginning June 4 through July 23**, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn Dr. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its inspiring renditions of marches, polkas, movie medleys and other tunes from all over the world.
- **Exhibit from Behind the Badge Displayed At Gallery Glendale** An exhibit of more than 28 compelling images of law enforcement and firefighters from across the state of Arizona, including Glendale Police and Fire departments, Ziemba's collection, "Stronger Than Steel: The Art of First Response - The Arizona Public Safety Collection", will be on display at **Gallery Glendale located inside Westgate, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd.**, in the month of July. Gallery Glendale is **free and open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m.**
- **'Be Glendale Monsoon Ready'** With the monsoon season officially upon us, Glendale 11 TV debuts "Monsoon: Eye on the Storm" to inform residents of important safety resources, featuring experts from the Glendale Fire and Police departments and features CBS 5 anchor Sean McLaughlin and the CBS 5 team of meteorologists. The show will air **each Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m.** and various times throughout the week.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STAYING ALIVE: CONTINUOUS CHEST COMPRESSIONS**  
 When a person suffers cardiac arrest, a bystander's use of continuous chest compressions can increase the victim's chances of survival without the mouth-to-mouth breathing utilized in traditional CPR. Join us for a presentation and demonstration of this lifesaving technique. Presented by Ross Kosinski, Ph.D. of Midwestern University, and Janet Boberg, Ed.D., Glendale Fire Department. For more information, call 623-930-3868. Tuesday, July 21; 6:30 p.m. Roadrunner Room at the Foothills Branch Library
- **Tips to Safeguard Against Mosquito-Borne Illnesses.** With three months of monsoon activity still ahead of us this summer, the city of Glendale reminds residents to watch for standing water and to protect their homes and families against mosquitoes and diseases such as West Nile virus. Follow these essential preventive measures to fight the bite:
  - Mosquitoes breed in standing water and their eggs will hatch within days after it rains. Check your yard once a week and after it rains, get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths, and check for any leaky water equipment.

- Report any pools in your neighborhood that are not being maintained properly. Occupied homes should be reported to Glendale's Code Compliance Division at 623-930-3610; unoccupied homes should be reported to the county at 602-506-0700.
- Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors.
- Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Division monitors mosquito activity throughout the county. Residents can get more information or report issues to the county through a hotline, 602-506-0700, or online at [www.maricopa.gov/wmv](http://www.maricopa.gov/wmv). Additional information and resources are available on Glendale's website, as well, at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources/publichealth.cfm#WestNile>.

- **Hot Cars Kill** - Watch this public safety announcement.
- **Heat Relief.** The following facilities will be open during normal hours of operation, to **any person or family seeking "respite and hydration"**: the lobby areas of the Glendale Adult Center, Foothills Recreation and Aquatics, the three libraries, the Communication Action Program office, and the lobby area of Community Housing. We will provide bottled water and place to cool off, if needed. If there are issues with homelessness or a need for utility assistance: Becky Daniel 623-930-2853) and the CAP staff will do their best to assist.
- **Glendale Police Promote A Summer Of Safety.** In an effort to keep our children safe this summer, the Glendale Police Department would like to inform parents and children about city ordinances that outline curfew for those under the age of 18. Juveniles under the age of 16 have a curfew of 10:00pm-5:00am. Those 16 and older have a curfew of 12:00am-5:00am. It is also a violation for a parent or guardian to allow a juvenile to violate the curfews that are in place.

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